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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Chin-Chi TENG et al

Art Unit: 2825

Application No: 10/043,458

Examiner:

Filed: January 9, 2002

For: CLOCK TREE SYNTHESIS FOR A  
HIERARCHICALLY PARTITIONED IC LAYOUT

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

WITHDRAWAL OF ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
TRANSMITTAL OF ADDITIONAL FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Status as a small entity was established in good faith, and fees as a small entity were paid in good faith. It has since been discovered that status as a small entity was established in error. Accordingly, applicant withdraws the assertion of small entity status.

(A) The fees that were erroneously paid as a small entity are the filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) and the fee for four additional claims under 37 CFR 1.16(c). These fees are currently \$740 and \$72 respectively for a non-small entity.

(B) The small entity fee actually paid was \$406 and was paid January 9, 2002.

(C) The deficiency owed is \$406.

(D) The total deficiency payment is \$406.

A check in the mount of \$406 for the total deficiency payment is submitted herewith.

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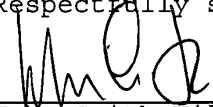
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